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Regarding application number 10/576,048,

Appellant's reply brief filed April 9, 2010 has been noted and made of record by the Examiner. No further action by the Examiner is deemed necessary at the present time. Accordingly, the case has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for further action.

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